

**Idaho Fish and Game Commission
Special Meeting
March 13, 2008
Fish and Game Headquarters
Boise, Idaho**

Present in the Director's Office: Director Groen, Deputy Director Virgil Moore, Dallas Burkhalter, Deputy Attorney General; Sharon Kiefer, Legislative Liaison; Jon Heggen, Chief, Enforcement; and Mary Boyer, Executive Assistant.

A special meeting of the Idaho Fish and Game Commission was held by telephone conference. The meeting was called to order by Chairman Wheeler with Commissioners Power, Barowsky, Wright, Trevey and Budge participating.

LEGISLATION

New Bill Analysis and Discussion

Sharon Kiefer briefed the Commission on the following legislation:

HB 604 This legislation deals with shooting ranges. It adds to the definition of a shooting range, the local regulation of a shooting range, and the ability of a local unit of government to regulate noise produced by the shooting range (Appendix 41, Exhibit 41). This bill also precludes local authorities from imposing noise standards more stringent than HB 515.

08- 35 Commissioner Barowsky moved and Commissioner Trevey seconded a motion TO SUPPORT AND MONITOR HB 604. The motion carried in a unanimous vote.

HB 629 This bill contains the fiscal year 2009 appropriation and a fiscal year 2008 supplemental appropriation to the Department of Fish and Game.

JFAC Action \$ 60,800 domestic cervidae incident Executive Order reimbursement
This request was made to JFAC by the Idaho Sportsmen's Caucus Advisory (ISCAC)

SB 1470 is a right of way for disclaimer of interest, intent of legislation is to protect public access along streams where stream channel migration has added land to an adjacent landowners property.

HB 602 ATV registration requires a \$3.00 license plate for vehicles which are going to operate on local government designated roads.

HB 633 ATV annual registration fee increase for all motorcycles, all-terrain vehicles and utility trailers.

HB 640 Special License Plates – Surcharge

This legislation adds a new section 49-402D, Idaho Code, which places a surcharge of ten dollars (\$10.00) on special license plates. Funds collected from this surcharge will be deposited into the Highway Distribution Account.

Ms. Kiefer noted that this bill would affect the Idaho Fish and Wildlife Foundation specialty license plates program. The Department would see some funding fallout if this bill is passed. The Commission is concerned with the financial impact to the Department.

08- 36 Commissioner Budge moved and Commissioner Barowsky seconded a motion TO OPPOSE HB 640 AND ARTICULATE THE COMMISSION POSITION. The motion carried in a unanimous vote.

Previously Discussed Bills

Ms. Kiefer provided the Commission with a status report of legislative bills (Appendix 41, Exhibit 42).

Ms. Kiefer noted that SB 1268 that amends appointment to winter feeding advisory committee has been signed.

Department sponsored SB 1264 has not had a committee hearing to date. Ms. Kiefer does not anticipate that it will be heard during this legislative session. The Department will submit as legislation for the 2009 session.

HJR 2 and HJR 3 the constitutional amendments to fish, hunt, and trap have been held in committee, and no further action this session.

MISCELLANEOUS

Consent Calendar

08- 37 Commissioner Barowsky moved and Commissioner Trevey seconded a motion TO ACCEPT THE JANUARY 15-17, 2008 MINUTES AS PRESENTED. The motion carried in a unanimous vote.

Adjournment

The Commission meeting adjourned at 8:35 a.m.

Cameron Wheeler
Chairman

Cal Groen
Secretary